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OUR SUPPLEMENT SHEET.

To-morrow's NATIONAL REPUBLICAN will be printed as a six-page issue, by means of a half-sheet supplement. We feel that this is due to our readers for the reason that the pressure of holiday advertising upon our regular issues latterly has been so great as to restrict the amount of reading matter therein to less than ten columns, including general and local news, court and commercial reports and editorials.

To-morrow's supplemental sheet, and those to follow it during the holiday advertising season, will contain miscellaneous matter, special articles upon current topics and interesting correspondence from different parts of the world.

The gay, festive, itinerant and somewhat ubiquitous editor of the *Post* has evidently neglected the study of early history, or he would have known that his own paternal ancestor was the bearer of the message to Eve which led to the first feast of piping in the Garden of Eden.

It is to be hoped that the Pittsburgh Dispatch will not give itself any painful uneasiness over our remark in effect that the present National Committee will give direction to the National Convention which will make the next President, for the work will be well done.

Congress is about to absent itself for the holiday recess, and a polar wave is coming. The intimate connection between these two events may not be apparent to the average reader; but it may strike a few far-seeing ones that the cool impudence of the Bourbon claim that Congress has done anything in the line of its duty, except to ratify Republican estimates for Government appropriations, should naturally be followed by unusual atmospheric frigidity.

GENERAL GRANT'S STUBORNNESS.

It seems to be the cause of much discomfiture with that class of Republicans who have been for four years wandering through the labyrinths of Imperialistic imagination, and conjuring therein the spectre of dire calamity to the Nation should General Grant be re-elected to the Presidency, that he does not at once refuse all public demonstrations of respect—accept the Presidency of the Nicaraguan Canal, and thus relieve them of serious apprehensions that are deeply afflictive. The great difficulty that stands in the way of the realization of their desires and hopes centre in the fact that General GRANT does not indulge the rudeness of saying to his fellow-countrymen: "I do not want—I cannot and I will not receive the attentions and honors spontaneously tendered to me at your hands. I am insensible to your affection and respect. I spur you proffered hostilities. I abhor these vast outpourings of the people, for they are offensive to me and violate my sense of propriety. I therefore abjure them, and declare to the people of the United States that I cannot tolerate them between the wind and my nobility."

This is virtually what these dreamers of Imperialism demand of General GRANT as an act of propitiation to overcome their chronic prejudices and augmented hatred. And yet he does not do as they desire, and hence they fill the air with their murmurings of dissatisfaction. This same class now blend the Nicaragua Canal question with their long-nursed discontent, and censure General GRANT's delay in accepting the tempting offer of Admiral AMMEN of the Presidency of that work. They desire to get rid of General GRANT as a candidate, and hope to induce him to do some ridiculous act which will answer their expectations; but they fail to discover any indications on his part that their traps and snares are to be rewarded with game. He has not acted the part of the boor in rudely rejecting the attentions and honors proffered to him by his countrymen. He has not declined the Presidency of the United States in advance of its being tendered to him. He has not rushed like a horse to battle into the Nicaragua Canal project, but has gracefully accepted the spontaneous tender of popular attention, which have culminated in a series of ovations that have extended from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Then, again, he will probably, after a few weeks of rest, leave for Cuba, Mexico, and, perhaps, Brazil, that he may return the pleasant call of DOM PEDRO upon him some years ago while in the Presidential chair. And, what is more worse, he is provokingly reticent on the subjects of which his enemies desire him to speak, and they are becoming impatient and complaining in their dispositions under his protracted silence. Of two things the impatient grumblers may rest assured—General GRANT will neither accept nor reject the Presidency until it is tendered to him, nor will he accept the presidency of the Nicaragua Canal Company until his judgment is matured by careful investigation as to what is wisest and best under the circumstances.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

INGERSOLL AND MOSES. A reply by Rev. Samuel J. T. Ingersoll, D. D., Chicago. James, McClurg & Co. \$1.25.

Colonel Ingersoll's widely-delivered lecture

on the alleged "Mistakes of Moses" has naturally provoked reply from the defenders of the faith. One of these, admirably furnished for his work by eminent scholarship, and the Professor of "Old Testament Literature and Interpretation" in the Congregational Theological Seminary at Chicago, has published the work before us, which is a masterly though condensed exhibition of the mistakes and misapprehensions of Colonel Moses. The author, trained in Germany, is very exact in his statements and is abundant in his references to first-class authorities to sustain his positions. The book will admirably suit the purposes of the pastor and Sunday-school teacher and should be read by all inclined to doubt the divine mission of Moses.

THE OREGON CHRONICLES OR THE KURBYES AND THEIR FRIENDS. By Mary B. Shultz, author of "Prairie Days," &c. New York: A. S. Barnes & D. F. Randolph & Co.

This volume forms one of the spare-time series which is attaining some reputation in the way of entertainment reading for the house-hold.

PERSONAL.

HOM. J. M. BAILEY, of Alabama, is at the Arlington.

The Alice Oates Company are at the Metropolitan.

JULIUS GARDINER, of Texas, is at the Metropolitan.

JUDGE W. H. MARSHALL, of Virginia, is at the Metropolitan.

LIEUTENANT E. M. HUGHES, U. S. N., is at the 12th House.

Mrs. CORA SMITH, of New York, is a guest at Wornall's.

SURGEON J. H. TAYLOR, U. S. N., is anchored at the Ebbitt House.

F. F. RAYMOND, of Boston, arrived at the Ebbitt House.

F. A. WISNER, of Canada, registered at the St. James yesterday.

HON. T. A. HENDRICKS, of Indianapolis, is a guest at the Riggs House.

COLONEL THOMAS P. BAILEY, U. S. A., is quartered at the Riggs House.

W. W. SWAN and E. Berliner, of Boston, are booked at Wornall's.

DR. AND MRS. METCALF, and the Misses F. and M. Babcock, of New York, are guests at Wornall's.

JONES, HARRIS, and Mrs. MILLER, of Montreal; Mr. George Harris, and Mr. Newell, of New York, are among the guests at the Arlington.

THEODORE M. FONES, of New York; Alex. Graves, Missouri, and J. F. Found, of Boston, were among the guests who arrived at Willard's yesterday.

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